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**Subject:** Timber harvesting on Bowen Island

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Dear Mr. Sanchez,

We are writing to address our objections to timber harvesting on Bowen Island. Your email to the Bowen Island Municipality was received as a huge surprise to us and to most of the Bowen Island community, particularly because it provides very little time for islanders to adequately participate in the consultation process.

Bowen Island is a unique location in BC. We are an island community and are passionate about protecting our environment.

Our specific concerns:

- 1 Logging will damage the ecology of the cut forests.
- 2 Wildlife habitat will be lost.
- 3 Recreational values will be damaged.
- 4 Road building and removal of trees will change natural runoff and increases erosion, and can lead to siltation in streams that affect water quality and could cause flooding during heavy rain.
- 5 Drinking water quality and stream habitat for fish and invertebrates will be damaged. Being an island, all drinking water is provided by the local watersheds.
- 6 Logging operations create noise that impacts residents, visitors and tourist operations. Because this is such a small island, this noise will travel widely.
- 7 Clear cuts will create visual scars on landscape, and many of the logged areas will be visible from many parts of the island, and nearby waters.
- 8 Logging trucks will take space on the ferry creating the potential for overloads and ferry delays.

Bowen Island is a special place. This island, so close to Vancouver, is home to many unique species of flora and fauna. Harvesting the timber is certain to disrupt the delicate eco-system that defines the island. The Crown Lands are interwoven amongst private, municipal, regional park, ecological preserve and provincial park lands adding to the complexity of logging operations and the probability of conflicts. It is likely that timber harvesting on Bowen Island will lead to reduced property values, loss of jobs, and damage to infrastructure (roads, medical services, transportation) without any obvious benefits to the community.

I understand that Crown Lands are owned by the Province and are routinely harvested for their timber and represent an important part of provincial revenue. One must weigh the negative impacts on this small island with this revenue potential. We are a recognized get-away destination, a truly magical place. I believe a careful analysis will lead to the conclusion that logging on Bowen Island does not make sense.

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cc: Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Forests, Lands, & Natural Resource Operations; Jordan Sturdy, MLA; Mayor and Council, Bowen Island Municipality; Peter Luckham, Chair of Islands Trust; Andrew Weaver, MLA

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